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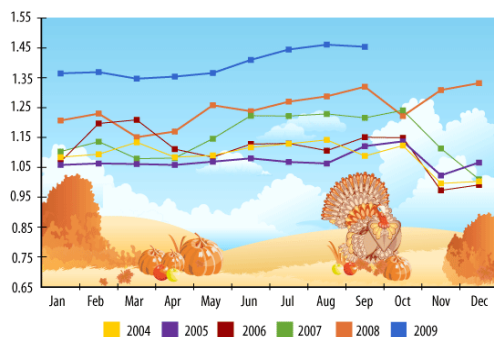
What activities do Americans have planned for the Thanksgiving? Here's a look at some Bureau of Labor Statistics data behind those Thanksgiving scenes.

Bringing Home the Turkey

On many American tables the focal point of the Thanksgiving dinner is a roast turkey. In recent years, turkey — which stores often promote as a sale item for Thanksgiving and the holiday season — has usually been less expensive during November and December than in other months.

Turkey for Dinner

Average price per pound of whole, frozen turkey in U.S. cities, 2004-2009



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

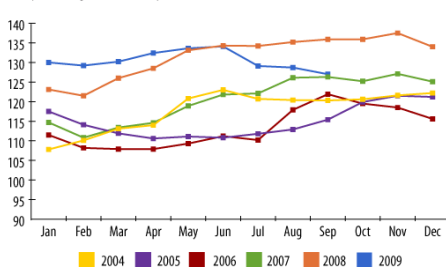
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However, with the exception of September, the average price of whole, frozen turkey was higher during November and December than in most other months in 2008.

Turkey Prices: The Producer Price Perspective

Producer Pricing for Turkey

PPI Turkeys (including frozen, whole or parts), 2004-2009



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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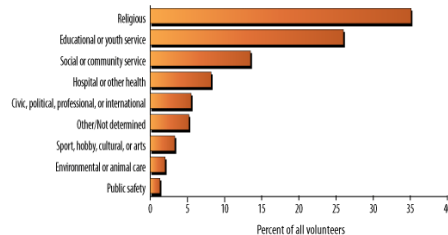
While the average price per pound of whole, frozen turkey paid by consumers was higher in all months of 2009 than in 2008, the producer price index for turkeys (including frozen, whole or parts) in 2009 has remained lower than the 2008 producer price index since June, 2009.

Volunteers

Some Americans volunteer on holidays such as Thanksgiving. Americans who did volunteer work at any time in 2008 were most likely to be affiliated with a religious or educational or youth service organization.

Americans Volunteer

Percent distribution of volunteers by type of main organization for which volunteer activities were performed, September 2007-September 2008



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

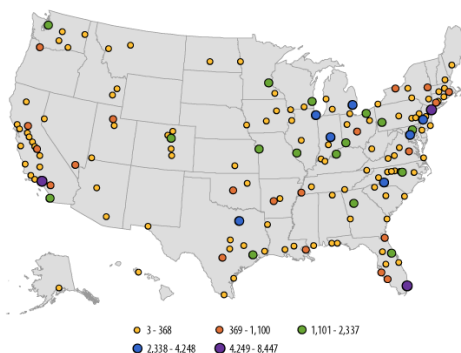
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Thanksgiving Means Football

For many, Thanksgiving is about watching sports on television. — **Continue to page 3.**

Spectator Sports Employment

Spectator sports employment by metropolitan area, 2008 annual averages



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Books, articles, and websites described in the Article Alert present a diversity of views in order to keep our IRC users abreast of current issues in the United States. These items represent the views and opinions of the authors and do not necessarily reflect official U.S. Government policy.

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COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP

1. THE UNITED STATES AND INDONESIA—BUILDING 21ST CENTURY PARTNERSHIP (Whitehouse.gov, November 09, 2010)

On November 09, 2010 President Obama and President Yudhoyono reviewed the broad range of cooperation between the two governments and formally launched the U.S. - Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. As two of the world's major democracies, bound together by a web of historical, cultural, and economic ties that span the Pacific and by our shared values and aspirations, we continue to strengthen our relationship through a variety of initiatives, such as:

- Partnership
- Socio-Cultural
- Security and Regional Cooperation
- Science and Technology
- Education
- Environment and Climate Change
- Health
- Trade and Investment
- Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

Details are available in fact sheets at

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/11/09/fact-sheets-united-states-and-indonesia-building-a-21st-century-partners>

Obama in Indonesia



President Obama Visit in Indonesia, November 9-10, 2010

President Obama speaks on democracy, economic growth and America's relationship to the Muslim world in a speech at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta on November 10, 2010 at 09:30 A.M.

To get more information on President Obama activities during his visit in Indonesia, such as video archive of UI speech, the transcript of the speech, press conference by President Obama and President Yudhoyono, photos and other related-articles to this visit, please follow below links:

President Obama in Indonesia from U.S. Embassy Jakarta website

<http://jakarta.usembassy.gov/obamadiri.html>

Video Archive of Obama Speech at Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta at 09.30 A.M.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2010/11/10/indonesia-s-example-world>

EDUCATION

2. Fenner, Louise INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT IN U.S. COLLEGES REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH (America.gov, November 15, 2010)

The number of international students at U.S. colleges and universities reached an all-time high of nearly 691,000 during the past school year, driven by a 30 percent increase in the number of Chinese students. But while Asian countries continued to send the highest numbers of students to the United States, the sharpest growth in enrollment came from the Middle East. This is the fourth year in a row that has seen an increase in international student enrollment. For more information on "Study in the U.S", please checked the IRC Info package at <http://jakarta.usembassy.gov/infoproduct/thematic-information-package.html>

2. Wilhelm, Ian FULBRIGHT PUTS MONEY WHERE PROBLEMS ARE (The Chronicle of Higher Education

web edition, October 24, 2010)

The U.S. State Department wants its premier fellowship program to help develop creative responses to problems as serious as climate change and pandemics. The new Fulbright Nexus Program is one of several projects encouraged by President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as they seek to adapt the program to changing needs. "The administration and the secretary see that there are global issues, and the solutions to these global issues, whether it's health or energy or climate change or food security, require creative collaboration and partnerships," says Alina L. Romanowski, deputy assistant secretary for academic programs at the department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. "We need to create the environment and bring these folks together." Currently available online at <http://chronicle.com/article/Fulbrights-Putting-Money/125053/>

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

4. Morse, Jane **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM A CORE ELEMENT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY** (America.gov, November 17, 2010)

Promoting religious freedom is a core element of U.S. diplomacy, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said at the November 17 release of the 2010 Annual Report to Congress on International Religious Freedom. This year's report assesses the state of religious freedom in 198 nations. The purpose of the report, Clinton said, is not to pass judgment, but to provide useful information in the effort to secure the basic human right to believe, or not to believe, and practice, or not practice, the religion of one's personal choice.

ALL ABOUT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

You might also be interested in...

- Protecting Religious Freedom Without Limiting Free Speech
http://www.america.gov/religious_freedom.html
- Flushing, Queens – The Birthplace of Religious Freedom
<http://www.america.gov/flushing.html>
- The American Religious Landscape
http://www.america.gov/multimedia/photogallery.html#/30145/religious_worship/



U.S. SOCIETY AND VALUES

5. McIntosh, Phyllis **BASEBALL: A NATIONAL TRADITION** (English Teaching Forum web edition, 2010, Vol. 48 No. 3)

"As American as baseball and apple pie" is a phrase Americans use to describe any ultimate symbol of life and culture in the United States. Baseball, long dubbed the national pastime, is such a symbol. It is first and foremost a beloved game played at some level in virtually every American town, on dusty sandlots and in gleaming billion-dollar stadiums. But it is also a cultural phenomenon that has provided a host of colorful characters and cherished traditions. Most Americans can sing at least a few lines of the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Generations of children have collected baseball cards with players' pictures and statistics, the most valuable of which are now worth several million dollars.

6. Reinders Hayo **TWENTY IDEAS FOR USING MOBILE PHONES IN THE LANGUAGE CLASSROOM** (English Teaching Forum web edition, 2010, Vol. 48 No. 3)

These days it seems mobile phones are used everywhere by everyone, which leads to the obvious question: How can mobile phone technology support learning in the second language classroom? The answer is "in a number of ways" because mobile phones come with ever-increasing functions that most students are adept at using. In this article I describe 20 practical ways to use mobile phones to support second language learning, both inside and outside the classroom. Currently available online at

http://exchanges.state.gov/englishlearning/forum/archives/docs/forum-10-48-03/48_3_4_reinders.pdf

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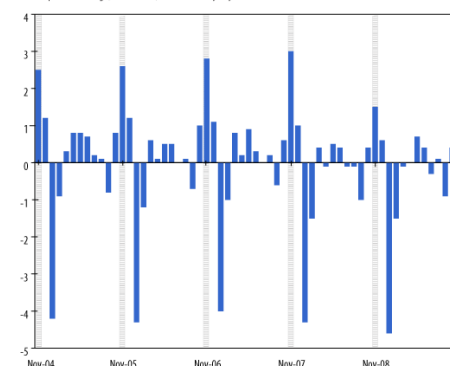
Considering the millions of people who watch spectator sports, it's interesting to note how few employees — athletes, coaches, referees, as well as management and support office personnel — work in the spectator sports industry. Nationwide, the spectator sports industry averaged 135,532 jobs in 2008; compared to 135,416 jobs in 2007 and representing about one-tenth of one percent of total private industry employment. The nation's largest metropolitan areas generally have the most employees in spectator sports.

Holiday Shopping Season

The day after Thanksgiving is the traditional start of the holiday shopping season and has been hailed as one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

Retail Trade

1 month percent change, 2004-2009, not seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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A Living Legacy: Preserving Intangible Heritage

The cultural heritage of the United States is rich, diverse and grounded in the contributions of many peoples. It includes millennia-old indigenous Native American culture and tradition and spans the customs, culture and art of the many immigrant groups who have settled in the United States over past centuries and generations.

Many tangible expressions of this cultural patrimony are protected in museums, galleries, and other publicly and privately supported institutions. But no museum can preserve less tangible forms of cultural expression as effectively as those who perform them.

American culture remains vibrant and of global interest precisely because men and women in every part of the nation preserve intangible forms of artistic cultural expression by living them. This issue of eJournal USA explores their stories.

Available online at http://www.america.gov/cultural_heritage.html



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